

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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I identify your  
STUFF!



“Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?”

- Unknown

My quiet workday during the Christmas holidays were interrupted when we were requested by KSC security to evacuate our building. An unmarked briefcase was found in the hallway and called in by an alert employee to security as a suspicious article. The owner was eventually located BUT NOT BEFORE five security officers cleared the area, the K-9 dog was called in to “sniff” the briefcase, and the EOD (Explosive Ordnance Demolition) group contacted.

## How Could this Incident have been Prevented?

If you are disposing of a briefcase or object, ensure that it doesn't appear suspicious. This can be done by leaving your current ID tag attached or marking your name and phone number on the exterior of the article. If you are disposing of a briefcase, remove the briefcase hinges so it cannot be closed. Did you know that since October 27, 1998,

- There has been 11 incidents involving suspicious packages.
- Each incident requires an emergency response by security. The average time to clear an incident has been 2.5 hours.
- These incidents can displace hundreds of employees and cause needless response and concern.
- The area is evacuated 500 to 1000 feet which usually means employees must leave buildings. Evacuations can also cause accidents and/or injuries.

Please identify your briefcases, purses, and luggage you carry onto the Center. SGS security will make name tags FREE. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. And remember to

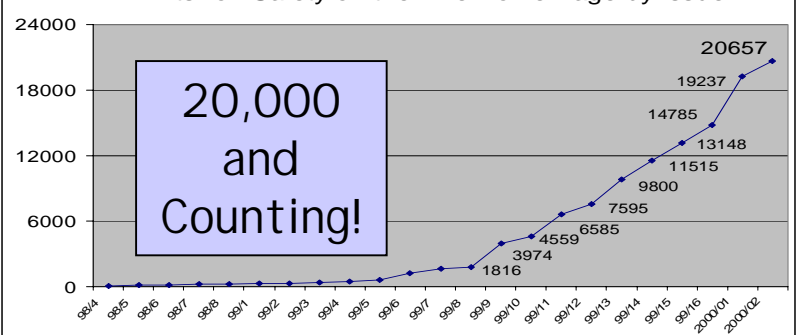
**IDENTIFY OR DESTROY ALL  
ARTICLES THAT ARE BEING  
DISPOSED OF**

For more information, contact SGS  
Security Awareness at 861-5657



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